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The City of Port Huron was recognized by the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA community for its commitment to urban forestry. This is the 14th consecutive year that Port Huron has received this national recognition.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

The City of Port Huron has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA. Tree City USA communities must have a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

Communities that earn Tree City USA recognition not only have taken the time to meet the four standards, they know that trees:

- Promote healthier communities by filtering the air we breathe by removing dust and other particles.
- Moderate climate, conserve water and provide vital habitat for wildlife.
- Reduce the heat island effect in urban areas caused by pavement and buildings
- Increase property values and reduce energy use and add beauty to our homes and neighborhoods.

Questions regarding this matter should be directed to Tim Hickey at 810-984-9709.

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